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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

Ben Brancel, Secretary

**DATE:** July 9, 2014

**TO:** Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

**FROM:** Ben Brancel, Secretary *Ben Brancel*  
Steve Ingham, Administrator, Division of Food Safety *Steve Ingham*

**SUBJECT: Update on the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program for meat establishments**

**PRESENTED BY:** Steve Ingham, Division of Food Safety

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

At the July 23, 2014 Board meeting, the Division of Food Safety will report on industry participation in the Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) program. The CIS program allows selected state-licensed meat establishments to sell designated products in interstate commerce. The process by which an establishment applies for and is accepted into the CIS program involves 10 steps, most of which are required by the USDA. The report will review the multi-step process for an establishment moving from application to acceptance. The report will also summarize meat establishment interest in, and entry into the program. There are currently two establishments operating under the CIS program. Since the program began in late 2012 at least ten other establishment operators have formally asked to participate in the program. One establishment has withdrawn their application, and one application was rejected for non-compliance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act. Two establishments are one step away from acceptance into the program and two establishments are two steps away from acceptance. The Division of Food Safety will continue to work with meat establishment operators interested in the CIS program.

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